



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Helmut W. Kucera et al. Examiner: David P. Turocy
Serial No.: 10/609,116 Group Art Unit: 1762
Filed: June 27, 2003 Date: July 11, 2005
For: IMPROVED COATING PROCESS UTILIZING AUTOMATED
SYSTEMS

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

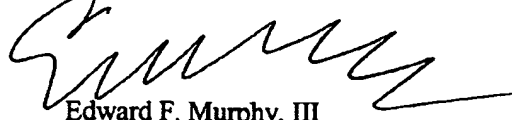
Applicant herewith submits an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97. According to §1.97(c), an Information Disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed after the period specified in paragraph (b) of this section, provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of any Final Action under §1.113, a Notice of Allowance under §1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application, and is accompanied by (1) the statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section, or (2) the fee set forth in §1.17(p). No such Final Action, Notice of Allowance or prosecution closing action has been received by the Applicant.

The applicant has met the requirements under §1.97(c)(1) through §1.97(e)(1) inasmuch as the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The date of mailing of the International Search Report was April 22, 2005. The undersigned hereby states that each and every item contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in the above noted communication by the International Searching Authority of the PCT, i.e. the European Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicants have met 37 C.F.R. §197(c)(1). Therefore, no fee is deemed necessary; however, if it is deemed necessary, please charge Deposit Account 12-2143 for any fee

deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

LORD CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Murphy, III', written over the printed name.

Edward F. Murphy, III
Registration No. 38,251

111 Lord Drive
P.O. Box 8012
Cary, NC 27512-8012
919-468-5979
Attorney Docket No. IR-3332-CRD